

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

1 The present invention provides a network configuration and method where a first  
2 device that is unconfigured and connected to the network sends over the network  
3 a request for IP configuration information. Responsive to the request for IP  
4 configuration information from the first device, a second device that is configured  
5 for and connected to the network, responds with at least a portion of its IP  
6 configuration information. The at least a portion of the IP configuration of the  
7 second device is used to create IP configuration information for the first device.

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